



Ancaster
Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 17

16th June 2017



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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 17. We are now well and truly underway with Term 6, one of the busiest of the year and as we approach the end of the academic year, we are now in talks to ensure that the arrangements for September are in place. We will be sharing the structure of where the Class Teachers and Support Staff are next year in the coming weeks. We have also begun to communicate with the new families and children that will be joining us in September and we are delighted to have a full Reception Class joining us. We cannot wait to welcome our new families to our wonderful school and hope you look forward to meeting them too. We are beginning to prepare for the transition events in readiness for September; this information will be sent out in a separate letter. We hope you have a wonderful 2 weeks and look forward to seeing you in and around the school.

Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Executive Headteacher) & Mrs Clare Talbot (Deputy Headteacher)*

Summer Fayre



Our Summer fayre follows Sports Morning on Friday 7th July.

This is always a fun event for our wider school community with lots of school and PTFA run stalls such as: wine or water, face painting, refreshments, Disco Dome, giant balloons etc. We welcome stall holders from our community for a small fee, if you would like to have a stall at the fayre please contact Mrs Beard in our school office. We look forward to you joining us for this brilliant event. More details will be communicated in the next newsletter.

Music for Schools Foundation



A representative from the Music for Schools Foundation came into school this week to present a musical instrument workshop for pupils. Following this there will be an opportunity for parents of pupils in current Year 2-5 to come into school to find out more about your children learning to play an instrument from September. This meeting will be at 3.30pm on Tuesday 20th June for you and your child to hear more, try an instrument and ask any questions. A separate letter has been sent regarding this meeting, we look forward to seeing you there. Please let Mrs Beard in the office know if you plan to attend by emailing enquiries@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk or drop in, in person.



Several of our children have now signed up for Lincolnshire Children's University and are collecting stickers for extra-curricular pursuits and are on their way to the 30 stickers needed to attend their first graduation ceremony at Lincoln University.

Passports, used to collect and record the stickers and activities, are available to purchase from the school office for £5.

If you have any questions about this initiative and how to get involved contact Maria Morgan:

Telephone: 01522 886223

Email: mamorgan@lincoln.ac.uk

Sun readiness



As the weather warms up, we do all we can to ensure the children enjoy the sunshine safely.

Whatever the weather, it is vital that the children bring a named water bottle to school to stay hydrated. If the forecast is for warm sunny weather, please ensure your child has a sunhat and has sun-cream applied before school and has a named bottle in their bag to apply themselves during the day.

Red Arrows Competition



We are offering the children an opportunity to take part in a competition, run by Mana Education, to draw the red arrows in any formation. Mrs Tomlinson has launched this competition in worship and children can get their entry form and details from their class teacher.

The winning entry will receive a Red Arrows Goodie Bag containing:

A family pass for up to 4 people to one of their Air Shows

A signed Limited Edition Poster by all the Red Arrows Pilots

A signed photograph of the display team

A Red Arrows Sticker Poster

Entries must be handed in by: Friday 30th June

Musical.ly app and Lively Streaming Site

We have been made aware via the national press that an app and streaming site used by young people has been found to have inappropriate content and people wanting to exploit the fact that young children are using the service. Find out more by clicking onto our Twitter Feed to read the headlines-please check your child's apps on their devices to ensure that you understand what apps they have downloaded and are using.

Dogs on school premises



The summer is the perfect time for a dog walk; if you do choose to bring your dog with you on the school run, please ensure that you remain with your dog outside of the school outer gates. We are unable to allow dogs onto school property for health and safety reasons. Thank you for your understanding.

Maths Quiz



Well done to our Year 6 Maths Team: George Taylor, Lois Taylor, Willow Hanks and Charlotte Blackledge, who represented our school fantastically well achieving a very respectable 7th place in this inter-school competition.

Diary Dates



New EYFS Parents Meeting: **Monday 3rd July 4.30pm**

End of Year Reports to Parents: **Thursday 6th July**

Sports Day & Summer Fayre: **Friday 7th July**

Move-up Morning & New EYFS Teddy Bears' Picnic:

Tuesday 11th July

Class South Africa's Play performed to Parents:

Wednesday 12th July 6pm – Change of date!

Year 6 Leavers' Party: **Friday 14th July**

Year 6 Bike ride & Picnic @ Woody's: **Tuesday 18th July**

End of Term 6: **Wednesday 19th July**

Parking



We have recently been monitoring the parking outside school at the beginning and end of the day as there had been some instances of unsafe practise and the PCSO team have been supporting us. We are glad to report that parking has greatly improved and therefore children are much safer as a result. Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support in this matter, which will continue to be monitored.

Sickness



There have been some episodes of sickness in school recently. These bugs are often difficult to contain and we ask for your co-operation in following the 48hour guidance to stop future bugs from spreading. Children suffering from sickness due to illness (as opposed to that caused by excessive coughing etc) should not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode of sickness. Please inform school of this.

Childcare Choices

Childcare Choices is the website that the Government has established in order to signpost and inform regarding the new 30 hour funding initiative for 3 and 4 year olds. Using the website below, find out more about and check your eligibility. <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>